--- 1/4th Pound - “Joliette” Division - J-54 - “TABAC CANADIEN” - “Series of 1880-81” ---

Chris Ryan reports in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter” of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department declared that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*.

Chris Ryan’s research indicates that “Joliette” was absorbed into “Terrebonne” on January 1st 1870, and was re-constituted as a separate division on January 1st 1880.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) John McKay records that 568,647 *lithographed* copies of “1/4 lb. French Twist” were ‘delivered’.

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) John McKay next records in his first TOBACCO section, that 110,000 *lithographed* copies of “1/4 lb. Green Twist (old)”, and 200,000 *recess printed* copies of “1/4 lb. Green Twist (new)” were ‘delivered’.

This first TOBACCO section of the 4th Contract is a record of ‘deliveries’ made early in the Contract, before the “Series of 1883” replaced the lithographed strips. John McKay does not specify that these (old) Twist stamps were ‘French’, and I feel that they are either ‘English’, or were ‘long white end’ strips.

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) John McKay records in his second TOBACCO section, that 8,000 *lithographed* copies of “1/4 lb. Green Ribbon” were ‘delivered’.

This second ‘TOBACCO’ section a listing of the *obsolete* issues that were ‘Delivered’ by BABN to the “Inland Revenue Department” in February / March 1888 for disposal. McKay seems in this entry to have grouped “Canada Leaf Only” strips, with both the English and the French “Canada Twist Only” 1/4th pound strips.

The ‘upper-limit’ control number on the 1/4th pound TABAC CANADIEN strips - to date

1/4th pound, Open	none to date
1/4th pound, Montreal	none to date
1/4th pound, Open [A-54]	**000105** a single copy
1/4th pound, Joliette [J-54]	**235998**
1/4th pound, Montreal [M-54]	**028784** a single copy
1/4th pound, Quebec [N-54]	**002255**
1/4th pound, Sorel [E-54]	none to date
1/4th pound, Terrebonne [D-54]	none to date
1/4th pound, Trois-Rivieres [F-54]	**016660** a single copy
1/4th pound, Trois-Rivieres [F-44]	none to date

The above total is 105 + 235,998 + 28,784 + 2,255 + 16,660 = 283,802 plain strips

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--- the “actual” control range on the 1/4th pound, “Joliette” [J-54] Division, green, TABAC CANADIEN strip- to date ---

1/4th pound, Joliette [J-54]	**036645** to **235998**

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